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SUBJ: UNHRC STUDY GROUP IN CHILE

1. DURING REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 5, FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL ILLANES IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS SAID UNHRC GROUP WOULD ARRIVE IN CHILE ABOUT JULY 9, AND THAT IT WILL BE GIVEN COOPERATION PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

2. COMMENT: MISSION HAD HEARD THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET WAS NOT COMPLETELY SURE GROUP SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME TO CHILE UNLESS IT INSPECTED CUBA AND USSR ALSO. IT IS EVIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT ARE GOING FORWARD. WELL PLACED SOURCE IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO JUNTA (COAJ) TOLD EMBOFF PINOCHET HAD APPROVED VARIOUS MEASURES INTENDED TO IMPROVE CHILEAN POSITION, AND THAT THEY WOULD "PLEASE " USG. GOC WOULD TRY TO SHOW IMPROVEMENTS IN SITUATION SINCE JULY 1974 OAS GROUP'S VISIT. ANOTHER SOURCE SAID THAT AS PART OF ATMOSPHERICS GOC WOULD TRY TO KEEP TO MINIMUM STUDY GROUP'S CONTACTS WITH MILITARY OFFICERS.

3. ONE AREA IN WHICH GOC NOW GIVES APPEARANCE OF MOVING RELATIVELY RAPIDLY, PERHAPS WITH AN EYE TO UNHRC ARRIVAL, IS DETAINEE RELEASE. INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
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REQUESTS FOR COMMUTATION INTO EXILE OF PRISON SENTENCES BY

THOSE CONVICTED BY MILITARY TRIBUNALS (SANTIAGO 3247) WAS
OFFICIALLY INSTALLED JUNE 5 AND RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN
SANTIAGO PRESS. STORIES REPORTED COMMITTEE ALREADY HAD SOME
300 CASES READY TO PROCESS, AND HOPED TO TACKLE 25
A DAY. SOME STORIES SPECULATED NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED
COULD BE AS MANY AS 1,200. ICEM REP. HAS TOLD US (SANTIAGO
3466) THAT HIS ORGANIZATION ALREADY HAS SOME 1,000 "SLOTS"
IN COOPERATING COUNTRIES IN WHICH TO PLACE THOSE DETAINEES
WHO ARE RELEASED.
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